

TO THE
HONOURABLE
THE
Commons of England
IN
Parliament Assembled.

*The Humble Petition of above Thirty Thousand Seamen,
Souldiers, Artificers, and other Commoners, Imprisoned
for Debt and Damage in the Kingdom of England, and
Dominion of Wales.*

Sheweth,

THAT Bills for the Petitioners Relief, was the first Session of the last Parliament, and last Session of this present Parliament (at much Charge) Read, Committed and Engrossed, fit to be carried up to the House of Lords, who gave the Petitioners Agents and Advocates, great Assurance of their readiness in passing so necessary and useful Acts; especially when their Majesties Service, and the Kingdoms Exigencies so much required the same; and when their Majesties were pleased to extend their Mercy to publick Offenders.

Now the Petitioners (in all humility) Humbly represent to their Honourable Patriots, if the present Urgencies do not, and may not more and more press for the necessary Supply of so many Thousands of their Majesties useful Subjects, who now lie idle in close Goals, under the hard Usage of cruel Keepers; and are not only a Burthen to the Commonwealth, and may be a great means to bring Pestilence and other Contagious Distempers, and soonest upon that City, and the Adjacent places, where the Kingdoms greatest Councils are now Assembled.

*The Petitioners therefore humbly implore this August Assembly,
that Leave may be given for bringing in another Bill into
this Honourable House, for their speedy Relief, and the Benefit
of the whole Nation.*

And (as in duty bound) the Petitioners will pray, &c.